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WASHINGTON, November 26, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 20 totaled an estimated 15.6 billion ton-miles, 14.7 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 728.8 billion ton-miles, 12.8 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 20 totaled 353,229 cars, 18.2 percent below 1981, but 1.5 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 25.8 percent in the East, 14.9 percent in the South, and 14.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Fifteen of the 21 groups showed increases over the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 13 totaled 39,315 cars, up 11.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 68,927 trailers and/or containers, 9.8 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of the year was 1,699,263 cars, 9.5 percent higher than last year, and 2,992,427 trailers and/or containers, up 7.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/20/82:

	Loadings in Week ended November 20, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,482	D	2,956	9.7	I	1,137	4.3
Other farm products	5,904	D	309	5.0	D	786	11.7
Metallic ores	11,136	D	15,469	58.1	D	1,735	13.5
Coal	106,879	D	29,759	21.8	I	2,929	2.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,264	D	1,485	13.8	D	240	2.5
Nonmetallic minerals	9,986	I	329	3.4	I	535	5.7
Grain mill products	11,853	D	2,492	17.4	I	165	1.4
Food and kindred products	13,578	D	1,498	9.9	I	803	6.3
Primary forest products	14,780	D	3,856	20.7	I	49	0.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,493	D	140	2.1	I	442	7.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,448	D	2,725	15.0	I	762	5.2
Chemicals and allied products	20,115	D	3,293	14.1	I	353	1.8
Petroleum products	4,935	D	594	10.7	I	415	9.2
Stone, clay and glass products	9,453	D	2,514	21.0	D	63	0.7
Coke	3,303	D	2,669	44.7	D	157	4.5
Metals and products	6,969	D	5,893	45.8	I	29	0.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,981	D	993	7.1	I	256	2.0
Waste and scrap materials	7,554	D	2,819	27.2	I	151	2.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,677	D	2,128	21.7	I	273	3.4
All other carloads	47,276	I	2,667	6.0	D	79	0.2
LCL traffic	163	D	58	26.2	I	1	0.6
Total Cars Loaded	353,229	D	78,654	18.2	I	5,240	1.5
Corresponding week of 1981	431,883						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (47 weeks)	17,000,828	19,853,631	D 14.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
46 Weeks cumulative	Rev. 713.2	817.7	D 12.8
Week ended November 20	15.6	18.3	D 14.7
47 Weeks cumulative	728.8	836.0	D 12.8

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